

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE November 3, 2021 — MINUTES

### **Council Members Present**

Mary Durham, Council Chair  
Hunter Adkins  
Kimberly Blackmon  
Erica Brown, HHSC/Medicaid  
Ronnie Browning  
Gladys Cortez  
Andrew Crim  
Ivy Goldstein, DSHS  
Scott McAvoy  
Meagan Orsag, Texas A&M  
CDD  
Justin Porter, TEA  
Randell Resneder  
Robert Schier III  
Eric Shahid  
Molly Spratt  
Toby Summers  
Lora Taylor  
Kim Torres  
Nina Zuna, TCDS

### **Council Members Absent**

Kristen Cox  
Maverick Crawford

Mary Faithfull, DRTX  
Jennifer Hines, TWC  
Holly Riley, HHSC/Older  
Americans Act  
Michael Peace

### **Guests Present**

Elias Arrellano  
Jennifer Bacak  
Tracey Barnett  
Clair Benitez  
Sophie Benitez  
Anna Espinoza  
Marc Fleming  
David Fray  
Kim Fulda  
Debra Haney  
Autumn Johnson  
Heidi Lersch  
Linda Litzinger  
Laura Marquez  
Omar Muzaffar  
Shell Schwartz  
Jacob Ulczynski  
Scott Walters

### **Regional Coordinators Present**

Morgan Bradley  
Erin Fogarty  
Rosa Guel  
Skyler Mueller  
Shelby Vaughn

### **Staff Present**

Beth Stalvey, Executive  
Director  
Scott Daigle  
Lauren Gerken  
Sabrina Gonzalez  
Stacey Kaleh  
Genessee Klemm  
Le Lien  
Evan Marczynski  
Sylvia Medina  
Richard Rendon  
Mary Rochford  
Rey Valldejuli  
Koren Vogel  
Rosalin Willis

### **Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental convened on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at the TCDD offices, 6201 East Oltorf, Suite 600, Austin, TX 78741 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Mary Durham called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM. A quorum was present.

#### **1. Introductions**

Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

2. **Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

3. **Grantee Presentation: UNTHSC – Research of Substance Use Disorder in People with IDD**

The Committee received a presentation from Kimberly Fulda, PhD and Tracey Barnett, PhD of the University of North Texas Health Science Center on the Research of Substance Use Disorders (SUD) in People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) project. The goals of the project included research of gaps in knowledge about individuals with IDD and SUD, determine an estimate of the people treated for SUD with IDD, identification of SUD treatment barriers for people with IDD, and identification of best practices for treating SUD among individuals with IDD.

The methods of research included a literature review, analysis of hospital data, surveys of treatment providers, and interviews/focus groups. Fulda and Barnett provided findings from this research which showed an overwhelming need for the development of specialized training for treatment of SUD in the IDD population.

Committee members discussed next steps and future projects and agreed the Project Development Committee would have further discussion.

4. **Agency Reports**

The Committee received updates from Erica Brown of HHSC/Medicaid programs, Ivy Goldstein of DSHS/Maternal-Child Health programs, Justin Porter of TEA/IDEA programs, Nina Zuna, Texas Center for Disability Studies, and Meagan Orsag, Texas Center on Disability and Development.

5. **Grantee Discussion: SAFE – Sexual Assault Response and Prevention**

Shell Schwartz, Amber Johnson, Heidi Lersch, and Sophie Benitez conducted a listening session with Committee members as part of the SAFE Sexual Assault Response and Prevention project. Members participated in a discussion to help identify current needs and barriers to sexual assault/abuse prevention education for youth and adults with IDD.

Adjourn

Council Chair Durham adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:11 PM.

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Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council    Date